



Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

## VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

### Services to Youth - Year in Review July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

#### Youth Ages 16-24\*

##### Served in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program served **8,583** youths age 16 to 24\* during SFY 2014.

**1,186** young consumers were placed in employment, with an average hourly wage of **\$10.93**

Employed young consumers worked an average of **26.7** hours per week.

**93** young consumers participated in the Youth Leadership Network and **44** participated in the Youth Leadership Forum in SFY2014. These programs promote self-advocacy and self-awareness, and employment and independent living skills for teens and young adults with disabilities ages 14 to 26.

MRC's Transitional Internship Program (TIP) provided paid summer internship experiences for **109** young consumers at **87** internship sites across the Commonwealth. Through these internships, the program provides employment related skills and guidance, and employment references to facilitate permanent future employment opportunities.

*\*Age at application for MRC services.*

#### Who Are Our Young Consumers?

<b>Male</b>	<b>57.8%</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>42.2%</b>

<b>Age Profile*</b>	<b>% Served</b>
16	1.7%
17	12.3%
18	28.3%
19	22.6%
20	10.6%
21	7.2%
22	6.0%
23	5.7%
24	5.4%

##### Referral Source

688 Referral	32.9%
Lead Education Agency	18.0%
TAC-Assigned	0.5%
Other Referral Source	48.7%

##### Disability Profile

Sensory/Communicative	7.9%
Physical/Mobility	9.6%
Cognitive/Psychological	82.4%

### FACTS AT A GLANCE

Charles Carr, Commissioner

"The goal of our services is to promote dignity through employment and community living, one person at a time. We hope all citizens with disabilities in Massachusetts will have the opportunity to contribute as a productive member of their community and family as a result of services provided by the MRC."

<b>Youths actively receiving services</b>	<b>8,583</b>
<b>Youths enrolled in training/education programs</b>	<b>6,484</b>
<b>Average hourly wage for employed youths</b>	<b>\$10.93</b>

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